tion 902 of the Foreign Assistance Act for FY 1986 apply to Pakistan.

Resolutions adopted by NAM on the Nuclear Arms Race

!864. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ:
DR. H. P. SHARMA:
SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Minis ters of NAM countries at the meeting held at Luanda in September, 1985 expressed concern at nuclear arms race not only amongst nuclear powers but also among the non-fnuclear countries like Pakistan;

(b) if so, what resolutions were adopted thereat; and

(c) what steps are being taken by the Government of India in pursuance thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) The declaration adopted by the Foreign Minister of the non-aligned countries at their meeting at Luanda in September, 1985, expressed concern at' the renewed escalation in the arms race particularly in nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction It urged the nuclear weapon States to adopt urgent measures for halting and reversing the nuclear arms race.

(c) Government of India have been of the consistent view that the arms race must be halted and reversed with priority for nuclear disarmament. They have forcefully given expression to the view in international forums dealing with disarmament and in the bilateral discussions at different levels.

US suggestion for regional initiatives *to* avert nuclear competition

1865. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR : SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleas sd to stat: :

(a) whether the two senior US officials who visited New Demi in September, 1985 to have follow up talks in the context of the Prime Minister's recent visit to the United States made suggest to Government for regional initiatives to avert nu clear competition in the sub-continent, so as to desist countries like Pakistan from acquiring nuclear weapon capa city; and

(b) whether Government reject ed the suggestion, insisting that the U.S. should use its influence and weight with Pakistan to ensure that the latter did not ccquire such capa bility; if so, on what grounds ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B.R. BHAGAT) : (a) US Secretary of State for political Affairs, Mr. Michael N. Armacost and Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, Mr. Donald R. Fortier visited New Delhi on Spetember 16-17, 1985. The U.S. officials reiterated their Government's support for non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and in this context felt that there may be a possibility for regional initiatives to avert nuclear competition in the subcontinent.

(b) The US officials were informed about India's concern at the non-peaceful dimension of Pakistan's nuclear programme. It was suggested that USA could play a major role in monitoring Pakistan's nuclear programme and seeking to ensure that it would not be directed towards acquiring a nuclear weapons capability.